14th Karkadagam 1101 drawing attention among other things to the scandals regarding the school?

(b) If so, will the Government be pleased to state what action, if any, was taken in the matter? If no action has been taken, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for the silence?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Yes.

(b) Vide answer to part (2) of question No. 37.

39. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the President of the Narakkal Panchayat visited the Narakkal Girls' School on behalf of the Panchayat, and reported to the Inspectress, pointing out certain wants of the school, and is it a fact that the Inspectress without even acknowledging the receipt of the communication wrote to the Director that Panchayats should not be allowed to interfere in administrative details?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes; the Inspectress received the President's letter, and forwarded it to the Director for necessary action.

An archaeological survey.

40. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) was there ever an archaeological survey in the Cochin State;

(2) if not, will the Government be pleased to undertake one;

(3) if so, will the Government be pleased to begin the same from Tiruvanchikulam?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(1) The Government have been attending to the workof archaeological researches and preserving monuments of historical and archaeological interest. Lists of such monuments in the State were got prepared by the officers of the Land Revenue and Forest Departments in 1077, and the procedure for the preservation of new archaeological finds laid down in Article 320 of *the Land Revenue Manual.*

2. The Government have appointed Mr. K. Rama Pisharodi to attend to the work. A copy of the Diwan's Proceedings dated 26th October 1924, C. No. 5684/97, is laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix V.*)

3. Yes.

The inspection of malarial tracts.

41. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.— Now that Major Ross is shortly expected at Madras, will the Government be pleased

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to cause an inspection by him of the easternmost villages of the Chittur Taluk to find out a remedy for malaria in those parts?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Major Ross may not be available for the purpose.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to correspond with Major Ross to know whether he may or may not be willing ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Major Ross is too distinguished a person to be available for work of this kind here. He has come to India, as far as I know, with the special object of eliciting the sympathy and interest of moneyed people in the School of Tropical Medicine. I really do not think that he will be available for work of this kind. Work of this kind is undertaken all over the Presidency and all over India, by Assistant Surgeons and Civil Surgeons who are trained in malarial work and who are avialable all over the Presidency. This is a work which is absolutely not to be entrusted to the hands of Major Ross. It is too ludicrous to go and ask a person of such a high position to undertake such a work.

President.—When is this gentleman expected ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I don't know, Sir.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—From the papers it is seen that he is expected very shortly at Calcutta.

President.—Do you know anything about his programme, his movements, etc ?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—No, Sir. He was got down to Ceylon for the very same purpose. Now he goes to Calcutta for the same purpose.

President.—But do you want us to write to him just to inquire whether he will undertake this work ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—He won't do that. He will simply refer you to his publications on malaria.

President.—We should have information regarding this. Unless it is sure that he will undertake this kind of work, it will not be proper for us to make such requests or to directly approach him. If you hold out an assurance that this gentleman is on this line of business, and that he will undertake this investigation, we will consider. Are you in a position to hold out an assurance like that ?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Not now, Sir.

A community-war statement of assessment.

42. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ശങ്കരൻ നമ്പൂതിരി—കൊച്ചിരാജ്യത്തു ഭൂമി നികുതി അടച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഓരോ സമുദായക്കാരുടെ പേരും ഓരോ സമുദായ

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